

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James D. Ballew et al.
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Confirmation No.: 1484
Title: *System and Method for Detecting and Managing HPC Node Failure*

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Dear Sir:

Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.